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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Please delete paragraph [0001] and replace with:

[0001] This patent application is a non-provisional application of provisional applications Serial No. 60/194,755 filed April 5, 2000 and Serial No. 60/211,684 filed June 15, 2000.

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